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Overall in 2002, the 1,148 establishments in the Transportation and Warehousing sector employed over 9,000 workers. These workers earned over \$234 million in pay while producing nearly \$1 billion in revenues, an increase of 5% from 1997. Truck Transportation businesses produce nearly 67% of all revenue for this sector and account for nearly 65% of payroll and 55% of employment.

Warehousing and Storage employment grew more than four-fold in Montana, from a mere 24 in 1997 to 127 in 2002. Over half of these employees work for specialized facilities that store such items as bulk petroleum and lumber. Support Activities employment grew the most within the Transportation and Warehousing sector, with an increase of 313 employees. Next highest employment growth was realized in the Couriers and Messengers sub-sector, which added 255 employees, a 62% increase.

General Freight businesses handle commodities, which are typically palletized and transported in a container or van trailer. Over 130 new General Freight establishments became operational between 1997 and 2002, a 56% increase. This sub-sector represents 33% of all Transportation and Warehousing establishments in 2002, up from 25% in 1997. Another sub-sector adding businesses is Couriers and Messengers. With 70 establishments in 2002, an increase of 32% from 1997, employees provide mainly local delivery of parcels.

The Transportation and Warehousing sector (sector 48-49) includes industries providing transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, scenic and sightseeing transportation and support activities related to modes of transportation. The modes of transportation are air, rail, water, and pipeline.

The economic census does not include the following industries: NAICS 482, Railroad Transportation and NAICS 491, Postal Service. Further, for NAICS 48111, Scheduled Air Transportation, data do not include large certificated passenger carriers that report to the Office of Airline Information, U.S. Department of Transportation.

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